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There have been several reports of individuals who claim only welfare as income to obtain HUD Section 8 housing benefits. The same person then falsifies a few pay stubs to qualify for child care benefits while at the same time claiming to be an In Home Support Services caregiver for a person who lives in another city. All three programs are being defrauded and perpetrators are collecting thousands of dollars a month.

In addition to the efforts of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to eradicate welfare fraud, a consolidated database among Los Angeles Community Development Commission (LACDC), DPSS and other county agencies who distribute public assistance could further assist in the prevention of public assistance fraud. This database would have to rely on information technology and legal restrictions on confidentiality.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT

- 1) The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) convene a task force of LACDC, Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Child Support Services, District Attorney, DPSS, County Counsel, Chief Information Office and the Auditor-Controller to develop a consolidated database for checking for public assistance fraud.
- 2) The task force report back to the Board of Supervisors by May 2, 2006, on a means to fund such database, including grants from the Productivity Commission for a pilot project.

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